SENATE BILL 2031

By Green

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 49, Chapter 7; Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49, Chapter 9, relative to public benefits.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-58-102(7), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following language:

- (7) "State or local public benefit":
 - (A) Means:
 - (i) Any public benefit as defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1621 that is provided or administered by a state governmental entity or a local health department; and
 - (ii) Any use of money provided to the state through taxes;
 - (B) Does not mean a benefit listed in 8 U.S.C. § 1621(b); and
- (C) Includes any postsecondary education benefit for which payments or assistance are provided to an individual, household, or family by any state or local governmental entity, or appropriated by funds of a state or local government, including, but not limited to, any tuition at a rate below an out-of-state tuition rate as defined by rules promulgated by the board of regents or a state university board under § 49-8-104 or the University of Tennessee under § 49-9-105.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.